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Job for One Overseas Veteran

This firm, having been saving nickels and dimes, has handed \$2,500 over to the Royal Trust Company for payment as a minimum salary for a year to one overseas veteran who will be selected by and work for us. It is not our intention to select this veteran until at least approximately half the overseas forces have been demobilized and back in Canada.

If the firm ceases to exist by reason of death, dissolution or poverty, or if we have made no selection by January 1, 1950, the money, plus accrued interest, will be divided into nine equal parts and used to provide a scholarship for a returned man in each province. The provincial ministers of education at that date will be asked to nominate the scholars from their provinces.

We are hoping to find a veteran who will by his services contribute to the welfare of this firm. By setting aside the sum now in such a way that no matter how poor we may feel after the war — we cannot get it back except by way of services to be rendered we hope to help assure those who are fighting our battles that, whether the post-war employment index is high or low, jobs for veterans are not non-existent.

Idea for this fund arises out of discussions frequently heard as to possibilities of post-war employment. The position is especially worrisome for those veterans who got into uniform right after school and who now, after several years of service, are mature men, and husbands and fathers.

We don't think the outlook is as gloomy as some appear to believe. The reason for the pessimism is that most of us, when we think of employer, think of the very large employers.

Certainly it will be miraculous if the railways, the steel plants, and many other enterprises now fully or mainly engaged in war work are able to employ as many people after the war as now. Moreover, many of these claims from former employers who enlisted.

But the very large concerns are few in number. There are, for instance, only 304 manufacturers who employ 500 people or more.

The main sources of gainful occupation in this country are the small employers and the self-employed. The total number of employers is an elusive figure, but a conservative estimate is that there are 450,000, ranging from employers of one person to, say, 100 persons. If this group could average two veteran employees per firm, the problem of what to do about the veterans would be in a fair way to solution.

These small employers, the great majority of whom are not now engaged in war work, are seriously short of help and employing fewer people than in 1939. There is hardly an office that isn't short staffed. Farmers are getting old, over-worked and tired. The printer of THE PRINTED WORD is desperately trying to find compositors, linotype operators and pressmen. A church we know has been trying since August to get cavers, trowling repaired. The material is available but not the men.

All this is small stuff compared to the great companies. But the aggregate of demand for help is potentially very great.

The problem of the veteran who has had no previous civilian experience is that he in many instances will not be able to afford to start work at the starting wage that would have sufficed four or five years ago. In our case, we have, at least to some extent, looked after this situation by setting aside a grown man's wage for a year out of previous profits. If we succeed in picking a veteran with aptitude for our kind of work, we stand to get it back in services. If we pick a dud, our personal sacrifices will be unimportant beside the fact that, up to date, over 25,000 young Canadians have died to make sure of our continued right to help elect parliamentarians and to criticize them after they are elected.

The economic problem of the overseas veteran would be no problem at all if each small employer made a place for one or two. And, in the case of all the serious veterans, this making of places would be profitable to all concerned. But if we look on the veteran's problem as a job for Government or the very small number of very large employers, the overseas veterans really have cause for worry. There is already too much of a tendency for people to seek refuge on the payroll of a big corporation. These big corporations are necessary in some industries, perhaps many. But the nation will do best, and individuals will be more self-reliant, if the public remembers that the little businesses, the small employers, in the aggregate are extremely important factors in our economy.

—THE PRINTED WORD—

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Some thirty boys and five adults gathered in the Town Hall Monday night for the Annual Meeting of the Junior Hockey Club.

A balance in the bank of \$132.70 was disclosed.

Election of Officers, all nominated by the boys, resulted as follows:
Hon. President—A. V. McFarland.
President—J. Crellin.
Vice-President—Ted Joel.
Secretary—Rev. D. A. Ford.
Treasurer—W. R. Eyles.

Following the Election of Officers a discussion took place re the possibilities of making the rink a truly community project so that everyone, children and adults can get the greatest possible benefit from it. Some steps were taken to this end, but they can only be successful if all parents, children and management co-operate to that end. In the past the attitude has been, "Let George Do It" and "George" can't do it by himself. The result has been, as we all know, anything but satisfactory. Let us all co-operate with the Management and Executive to make the rink a place where young and old can get sane, healthful recreation. It can be done. Let's do it!

DANGEROUS GROUND

This week the centre of political activity has shifted from Belgium to the Mediterranean, and it is in Italy and Greece that the common people are protesting. In Greece the government police have apparently fired on demonstrators, including youths and children, and a number have been killed. A grave feature of this disturbance is that the British military authorities have undertaken to protect the present Greek government. This government, headed by Premier Papandreu, originally contained six representatives of the E. A. M. or National Liberation Front, but the director, in which the government was heading and is now strongly right wing in attitude. The E. A. M. has publicly protested that the British commander-in-chief, Gen. Scobie, is aiding the Fascists, that he is interfering in Greek affairs and that he is helping Britain's enemies. The situation is grave.

In Italy the action of the British government in stating that Count Carlo Sforza, noted anti-Fascist, should not be made premier or foreign minister of the new Italian government now being formed by former Premier Bonomi, has aroused bitter feelings in Italy and in Britain. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, publicly announced this attitude and was severely criticized by the Manchester Guardian and a number of other important British newspapers. Count Sforza is a determined foe of Fascism and fought Mussolini for many years from the United States after he was compelled to leave Italy. He, like many other Italians, has no use for the House of Savoy, whether represented by Victor Emmanuel or Umberto. He is a stout fighter and his views are well known.

What is causing great uneasiness throughout the world is the growing conviction that the Allies are deliberately using their strength to maintain in power in liberated countries political groups which have not the confidence or the support of the ordinary people of those countries, the people who did the starving and the fighting. There must be a radical change in political complexion in most of the countries of Europe. The feeble monarchies of Italy, Greece, Rumania and Yugoslavia are doomed. Franco will be kicked out of Spain. Arch Duke Otto of Austria has spent several years in careful cultivation of the United States and Britain in the hope of re-establishing himself as the head of some Danubian federation. That, too, is out. The common people of the world, whether within or without troubled Europe, will hope most earnestly that the Allied governments will change their tactics and endeavor to give the people of the liberated countries the right to choose their own governments. There is little doubt that governments chosen by them will be far more effective in prosecuting the war than will those who are spending their time in jockeying for their own political and financial advancement.

— The Red Deer Advocate.

STANDARD

— By M. C. A. —

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The current news of the week was the Silver Wedding celebration which was held on Saturday, December 3rd, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Orburn. They have been long-time residents near Standard, and a large crowd gathered in the Hall to wish them congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Mrs. Kelly an old and cherished friend of many people at Standard, presented the bride and groom with a lovely chest of silver. The happy couple, after admiring the silver, extended their thanks to one and all.

Mr. D. McGowan, chairman of the evening's entertainment, read a short poem written by one of Standard's own girls, Miss Betty Elias entitled "Congratulations on this your Silver Wedding".

Others on the program were Mr. Schouling, Mr. E. A. Wagler, Mr. C. P. Dahl, Standard's Mayor, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Wirt as sneaker. As musicals: Miss Hilda Hansen and Mr. Carl Hansen sang, "While Strutting in the Park One Day", complete with costumes; Miss Marilyn Dahl and Miss Marcene Easterbrooke, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. C. P. Dahl sang "Always"; Pte. Gwen Southall and Miss Betty Elias sang, "When He Was Courting Me"; then Miss Gwen Knowlton. Standard's star attraction rendered her version of a delightful little poem.

The evenings' entertainment was over and dancing brought the festivities to a close.

Pte. Gwen Southall and Pte. J. Ross were home over the week-end.

Mrs. Chuck Fortier (nee Lucille Rasmussen) has arrived in Standard after receiving her discharge from the Air Force. Her husband is in the R. C. A. F. at present stationed in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nielsen that their son-in-law Claire Kitten R. C. A. F. has been killed while performing his duty. His wife is at present with his folks at Toronto, Canada.

The deepest sympathies of the community are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen and Mrs. Kitten at this time of their bereavement.

The Standard-School have set the date of their Christmas Concert. It is to be held on Thursday, December 21st. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend.



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION

Thursday, December 14th, The Standard will publish our regular Christmas Edition. Watch for it.

Our Merchants have anticipated your needs by laying in as complete stocks of their respective wares as it is possible to obtain. Buy at home is sound philosophy in more ways than one. Patronize our local merchants. They will tell you in well set up advertisements of Merchandise, whether for the table the home decoration, the gift for the near or far away friend, dainty toilet articles for milady, chocolates for the candy lover, books for the reader, toys, toys and more toys and games for the children etc. etc. And again we will have for your quiet hour interesting and inspiring messages from the Clergy of the Community served by The Standard. Bright messages from others who comprise the various activities which together make the wheels of a community turn smoothly and progressively.

Teacher—Can anyone tell me who did the most in the nineteenth century to raise the working class?

Bright Student—The inventor of alarm clocks.

COMING EVENTS

There will be a Pre-School and Baby Clinic held in Clong Dormitory Library on December 15th, and every Friday monthly. This is to be held under the auspices of the newly formed Brooks Health District.

Friday, Dec. 15th—Dance at Cheadle Hall under auspices Cheadle Community Club. Harold Anderson's Orchestra will supply merry music. A good time assured.

— Special Broadcast —

At 3:02 p.m. M. W. T. Sunday, Dec. 10th, Mrs. C. S. Eichen, who has just returned from War Campaign Overseas will broadcast on the urgent need for more Red Cross workers and knitters. Tune in to listen to this message.

STANDARD LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Recalled too late for Regular Notes)
Friday, December 8th.
8:00 p.m.—Tabetha Sewing Sisters Bazaar.
Saturday, December 9th—
2:30 p.m.—Confirmation Class.
Sunday, December 10th—
10:30—Services, English.
Holy Communion and reception of new members.
2:30 p.m.—Services at Sunny Range.
8:00 p.m.—Young People's Meeting.
Tuesday, December 12th, the congregation has its annual business session at 2:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve DANCE

Memorial Hall, STRATHMORE
- Commencing at 12:05 a.m. Monday, January 1st.

THE WEEK IN EDMONTON

Check Evasion Rent Control—

It is now unlawful to charge or demand payment of commission or reward from tenants, collect more than one month's rent in advance, or to sell or rent furniture to them unless price or rental has been set by the rentals appraiser, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board states.

Needs Slaughtering Permits Still—

Permits are still needed to slaughter cattle, calves, sheep or lambs, states the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, explaining that lifting of regulations in August last affected hogs only.

Emphasizing that carcasses must be stamped with WPTB slaughterer's permit number and grade numbers in cases of beef and mutton, the Board cited recent convictions throughout the country for improper stamping and defatting or carcasses.

Defatting of beef at time and place of slaughter is also necessary because fats are needed for war purposes and ceiling prices are based on defatted beef.

Relax Controls Used Containers—

Purchasers are now free to obtain supplies of used containers wherever they can get them, announces S. Godfrey.

Celling prices for used containers including barrels, cans drums, pails, remain unaltered.

Release More Steel Cutlery—

Sale of steel base table flatware, formerly restricted to essential users

such as hotels and restaurants, will be extended to include the general civilian market on December 1st, announces the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Make Non-Electric Washing Machines

Washing machines of gasoline-driven type, suitable for use in rural areas without electric supply will constitute about 15% washing machine production in Canada during first six months of 1945. This is a larger production than in normal years, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board states.



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RURAL GLEICHEN

WEDDING

TOWER - STEWART

Friday evening the First Baptist Church in Calgary was the scene of a very pretty wedding when Winnie Stewart became the bride of Cliff Tower.

Dressed in white satin with long flowing veil and carrying a bouquet of white carnations, the bride looked lovely as she entered on the arm of her father. Evelyn Stewart, bridesmaid, and Mrs. Arthur Brown, Matron of Honor, sisters of the bride, were dressed in white sheer and carried bouquets of roses. Dick Tower, brother of the groom, was the best man. Don McArthur and Arthur Brown acted as ushers. Rev. Cooper officiated.

During the signing of the register Mrs. Connie McDougal sang "I Love You Truly".

The reception was held in the Knights of Columbus Hall where about forty-five guests were present. The tea table was decorated with mauve and white streamers and centered with a three-tier wedding cake. Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Percy Leask presided at the tea urns. Dick Tower acted as toastmaster in a capable manner. Toasts were given by Mr. Stewart, father of the bride, and A. S. Tower, father of the groom. Cliff ably responded on behalf of his wife.

During the reception Mrs. Connie McDougal sang, "The West, a Nest and You Dear". Mr. McDougal furnished the music for dancing.

The out-of-town guests from Gleichen were Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Lilla, Don McArthur, Ernie Johnson, Andy Johnson, Babe McArthur and Mrs. C. R. McIntyre. Mid a grand shower of confetti and good wishes the happy couple left by train for a honeymoon at Trail, B. C.

Lt. and Mrs. Fayland Ladd of Montreal arrived last Monday for a two weeks visit with latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Evans.

Mrs. J. Koefoed returned last week after a visit with her daughter in Seattle. While changing trains in Vancouver she had the misfortune to fall and injure her knee. We hope she will soon recover. Mr. Koefoed, who has been visiting in Calgary, and Mrs. Messenger accompanied her home.

Grandma Rousseau left last Tuesday by bus for a visit in the States. Jean Day spent the week-end in Calgary with her sister Barbara.

Mrs. J. H. Sammons returned Thursday from a short visit in Vulcan.

Mrs. Canfield of Irricana is visiting her sister Mrs. M. Gillespie.

Mrs. V. Ferguson, Sarah and Anna MacMullen of Calgary visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. MacMullen.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Sauve Saturday at the home of Mrs. R. Cunningham in Gleichen.

Friday evening a large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Desmet for a real old time charivari. In due course they went to Meadowbrook Hall where a still larger crowd awaited them. The evening was a decided success and every person present had a wonderful time. Steeds orchestra furnished the music.

Mr. and Mrs. John Umbrette were expected to arrive Sunday morning for an extended visit with his parents. John has been stationed in the east for several years.

A number of dinners were given in honor of Don McArthur, who is home on a short leave. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hall entertained Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. Corbett on Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. L. Lilla Wednesday



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STRATHMORE

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noon, Mr. and Mrs. L. Koefoed Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hall Thursday evening and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Busmann of Tulear on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Rooney and Pte. A. Baron of Sudbury were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Eriord, also Peggy Rooney was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Switzen, Miss Laucaster and Mrs. McDonald all of Calgary were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Eriord.

There will be Morning Prayer in St. Andrew's Church on Dec. 10th. at 11.00 a.m. conducted by the Rev. D. A. Ford, B. A., your incumbent.

Mr. Russell McQueen has purchased the McKay Hardware Co.

Small Boy (at the zoo)—That monkey looks just like daddy.

Mother—Sh, dear, don't be so rude.

Small Boy—The monkey didn't hear me mama.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DECEMBER 8 AND 9

"Miracle of Morgan's Creek"

Eddie Bracken and Betty Hutton

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13 "HENRY ALDRICH BOY SCOUT" and "MINESWEEPER"

FRIDAY & SATURDAY DECEMBER 15 AND 16 "THE GANG'S ALL HERE" Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda, S. Ryan

HIRTLE'S THEATRE

WHEELS FOR WAR

Winnipeg . . . Wheels are important in carrying Canada's wartime freight traffic and the Canadian National Railways mechanical forces report a considerable increase in wheel requirements for the cars which have been carrying the heaviest loads on record. Freight carried by C. N. R. trains last year was more than double that of the last peacetime year.

Requisitions to the stores department in 1943 called for 76,420 pairs of wheels, just enough to make 3,821 cars, as 20 pairs of wheels mounted on axles are loaded per car. The weight of each wheel varies from 650 to 875 pounds, depending on the type of freight car.

He— Anything nice for tea tonight, dear?

She— Oh, yes, sponge cake. I spangled the eggs from Mrs. Smith, the flour from Mrs. Jones and the milk from Mrs. Duncan."

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FOR THE FORCES

Supplying Canadian troops and entertainment to the Dominion's troops overseas is one of the current responsibilities of CBC's rambling reporter, Gerry Villmot, who is attached to the London office of the CBC Overseas Unit. The programs under Mr. Wil-

son, a supervisor form part of the series of broadcasts presented by the CBC as an Allied Expeditionary Forces program. Since going to Britain in 1940, Villmot has been associated with some of the most popular programs produced for Service personnel, including the variety "Johnny Canuck's Revue" and "Starlight".



PATERNAL GRIN Marcie Munro, CBC announcer, is

baby-showered by Vancouver staff for his first son, Patrick Munro.

DALEMEAD D. V. V.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winkler and Mr. John Winkler left for the U. S. A. on December 1st. Mrs. Winkler is to undergo an operation at Rochester. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Van der Velde held a dinner prior to their departure to the States. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winkler, Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Wesson Miller.

We send our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chalmers on the birth of a baby girl November 28th.

The community wishes to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Lester Coonfer to our midst.

Pte. and Mrs. Albert Hawkins and baby Colin were dinner guests at the Miller home. Afterwards they attended the wedding dance.

A party was given for Mr. Murray Colwell at the Colwell home on Saturday, December 2nd. Happy birthday to you Murray.

A surprise party was held at the Miller home to honor Mr. Morley Miller on the occasion of his 21st. birthday on the evening of November 28th. We would like to extend our best wishes to him for many more years to come.

A very delightful tea was given by Miss Vivian Holmes honoring Mrs. Melford Gosling. Mrs. Russell Coonfer poured tea for the 20 guests while Mrs. Everett Best and Mrs. Wesson Miller served assisted by Mrs. Holmes. Mr. and Mrs. Wesson Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Coonfer gave a wedding dance in the Dalemead Hall, Thursday, November 30th. Everyone attending reported a very good time. Mr. Ben Clayton was floor manager and stated, "Why don't we do this more often?" The Community then extended their thanks by singing, "For They are Jolly Good Fellows".

Simon Beazeley is again attending school after his recent recovery from scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brand and Mr. and Mrs. H. Kautz and daughters were dinner guests at the Paulson home on Sunday.

TRAIN TIME-TABLE

No. 1 West Bound	9.21 p.m.
No. 2 East Bound	8.00 a.m.
BUS TIME TABLE	
West Bound	1.07 p.m.
East Bound	5.32 p.m.

1st. Rookie— There's a fly in my soup.

2nd. Rookie— That ain't no fly. That's one of those Vitamin bees we've been hearing so much about.

EDUCATIONAL REHABILITATION

(Department of Extension)
University of Alberta

The Alberta Department of Education has arranged in co-operation with the Federal Department of Labor to establish special schools for ex-service personnel who desire to complete matriculation for university entrance or other educational training. The first of these schools will be opened in Edmonton on January 2nd, 1945.

Ex-service personnel desiring to enter this school should write without delay to Mr. O. P. Thomas, 16019, 101A Avenue Edmonton, for particulars and advice. With the first letter an applicant should give particulars as to length of service, place and time of last school attendance, age and course which applicant desires to enter at University.

This school is part of the Federal

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iversity to complete the first year before the opening of the University session in September, 1945.

Those interested should immediately write to the Registrar of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, giving the following information:

1. Age and length of service.
2. Time when and place where last high school examinations were written.
3. The course to which admission is sought.

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PEARL HARBOUR DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 1941.
 Pearl Harbour was attacked by the Japanese.

Today how different the story. As we remember this anniversary we give unstinted credit to the heroism of the American Forces who are now paying the way to Tokio.

THE GAME

Let's play it out — this little game called Life.

Where we are listed for so brief a spell;
 Not just to win, amid the tumult, rife,
 Or where acclaim and gay applause swell.

Nor just to conquer where some one must lose,
 Or reach the goal whatever be the cost;

For there are other, better ways to choose
 Though in the end the battle may be lost.

Let's play it out as if it were a sport
 Wherein the game is better than the goal,

And never mind the detailed "score's" report
 Of errors made, if each with dauntless soul

But stick it out until the day is done,
 Nor wasting fairness for success or fame,

So when the battle has been lost or won,
 The world at least can say: "He played the game."

Grantland Rice.

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

THE time is fast approaching when Annual Meetings will be the order of the day.

A break during the Christmas Season will occur when Family Reunions, Christmas Festivities, Special Church Services and School Concerts added to the daily round of necessary duties will fill the days of most, to the full.

A few days left then opens up the period of Annual Meetings for Church, School, Town or Municipality.

In Strathmore this year the acoustomed School Annual Meeting as we have known it will be changed, not so the Town Annual Meeting.

Again we urge that the citizens throw off their accustomed apalling apathy and go to this Annual Meeting alive to any improvements to our Town, which could by concerted zeal and readiness of each to help keep the wheels turning, bring added benefits to Strathmore that would eventually prove a boon financially and added attractions both from a business and home angle.

Make one of your New Year's resolutions a decision to attend the Annual Meeting of the Town.

One or two of the Councillors who have given able and faithful service for many years have urgently requested to be relieved of these duties. It is a legitimate request. One young man has recently been added to the Council. There is room for another.

After the Yuletide Season — then the Town Meeting. Plan to be there.

Mary — Isn't Bob's moustache funny?

Sally — It tickled me too.

ROCKYFORD

— By M. K. —

L. A. C. Leroy Muenchrath spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and John Muenchrath.

Robert was visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Bond of Calgary over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cammear are attending the U. F. A. Convention in Calgary.

Caroline Katterhagen has been staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Chas. Scholer for the past week.

A re-organization of the Catholic Youth Organization of Rockyford will be held in St. Rita's School commencing at 7.30 Friday evening.

Mrs. Lawrence Stinn was taken to the hospital for an operation last week and it hoped that she will recover quickly.

A sum of \$56.00 was raised for the Red Cross when a large crowd attended the Dance put on by the Jr. Red Cross. Roy Downey's Orchestra provided excellent music and everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Miss Joan Stinn was home for the weekend.

An anniversary Requiem High Mass was offered in memory of Mrs. Teresa Stinn in St. Rita's Church on Saturday morning.

The pupils of St. Rita's School will enjoy a two-day holiday on Dec. 7 and 8 while their teachers M. Francis and M. Carletta attend the Teachers' Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. John Damsen Sr. and Mrs. C. V. Madsen, Mrs. L. C. Smith and Mr. W. Liesman enjoyed afternoon tea with Mrs. A. J. Stroum on Monday and wished her a happy birthday. Louise phoned her congratulations from Seattle, Washington and Angelina phoned from Drumheller, making it a perfect birthday.

John Hede, our congenial bachelor, had a 60th birthday on Wednesday and many friends and neighbors called at his home for coffee in the afternoon. Later in the evening they adjourned to Sunnyrange School to enjoy cards and dancing. Here he was presented with a lovely clock, the gift of the community.

A large number of Chancellors attended the silver wedding party given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ornum in the Standard Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brownlee and their son Allen, Mr. and Mrs. George Edworthy, Mrs. O. Macracken, Mr. and Mrs. Chamney and Mr. and Mrs. Ben S. Plumer were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wheatley on Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Wheatley is attending the Wheat Pool Convention in Calgary.

CARSELAND

— By Mrs. K. H. —

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robinson are being congratulated on the birth of twins, a girl and a boy on Dec. 4th.

The Ladies Aid Christmas meeting will be held Dec. 13th. at the home of Mrs. Blair Field.

P. O. and Mrs. Bill Cole spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cole Bill leaving Sunday for Trenton, where he has been posted. Mrs. Cole returned to High River, where she was called owing to the death of her father, Mr. W. A. McLeod.

Mrs. Norman Nelson, who has been ill in hospital in Calgary has recovered sufficiently to return home during the week-end.

From Around
And About

— By D. A. F. —

Have you ever wondered what the "V" stands for in German for the titles (V-1) and (V-2) given to those terror weapons? I came across the answer this week in a quotation from the London Daily Express. It stands for "Vergeltungswaffe", and that in turn means "Revenge Weapon". Truly a terror weapon conceived of the worst possible motive.

Another origin that I have often wondered about is that of the name "Boxing Day" as it is used to denote the day after Christmas. It seems that in former days British tradesmen received Christmas boxes from their patrons on this day. In those days of rioting when the butcher, the baker and the grocer as well as the proverbial candlestick-maker are fearfully overworked a revival of this custom wouldn't be a bad idea. At least we should remember them for their patience and fortitude under the difficulties that have been thrust upon them through the scarcity of food stuffs.

As we approach the season of Christmas when churches of every denomination will be crowded, in the name of all leaders of whatever faith they profess, would it be too impudent to ask where those crowds are the rest of the year? Well, these are those who seem to be afflicted with that strange "sleeping sickness" that prevents them from rising before eleven on the first day of the week. Then there are those who are "nature worshippers". Someone has called them the "blue-donkeys" because they feel that they can worship God much better under the blue dome of heaven. Again there the "family-dinnerites" who entertain cousins, aunts and uncles wholesale on Sunday. We find the Sunday golfers who simply must have their eighteen on holes. In the same picture are the "anti-hypocrites" who labour under the delusion that people go to church to proclaim how good they are. Also we have the "bad-weatherites" who have good intentions, but are always kept home by a few drops of rain or a flurry of snow. There are the intellectuals who imagine that their rejection of some credal interpretation keeps them from public worship, and the hard-headed business man who wants preachers to give spiritual "pep-lats" from the pulpit, and lastly, the snobs who stay away because it is not so nice or fashionable (so they think) to worship God except on Easter. These are the expenses one sometimes runs

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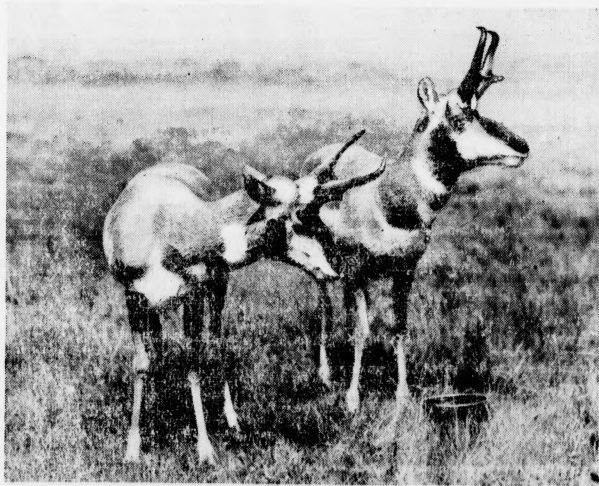
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those who just don't WANT to worship God.

All this reminds me of a story I once heard of a little girl who proudly said, "Mother goes to the Church." Replied the new neighbor, "And does daddy go also?" "No," said the little girl, "he doesn't go anywhere. Mother says he must be a Seven Day Absentist."



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**Christian Science**

"God the preserver of Man" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon at all Christian Science Churches on

Sunday. The Golden Text is II Timothy 4:1. One of the Scriptural citations is "In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the

land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord" (Isaiah 19:19). One of the correlative passages from "Science and Health with Key

F. W. GERSHAW WRITES FROM OTTAWA

War was declared in September of 1939 by Canada. At that time, and in the election campaign that followed, efforts were made to have all sections of Canada whole heartedly striving for a maximum contribution. Leaders of practically all political parties urged this, but at the same time promised that the effort would be voluntary on the part of the men and women joining the Armed Forces. As the seriousness of the war became more apparent, the Natural Resources Mobilization Act was passed. This N. R. M. A. gave the Government the power to use any asset of the Canadian people for war, except that there would be no conscription of manpower for overseas service, but that there would be for home defense.

Later, with the fall of France, and the over-running of the greater part of Europe by the Huns, a plebiscite was presented to the people asking if they would release the Government of the promise not to impose conscription. This release was granted by a substantial majority of the votes in eight provinces and defeated in Quebec. Following this, Bill 80 was passed giving the Government power to put in overall conscription by Order-in-Council.

There were great numbers of Canadian soldiers in England at that time, and Canada was setting up and equipping five divisions, as well as an Air Force and a Navy. Also Canada was sending shipments of munitions and food supplies to other Allied countries and doing 51% of the conveying of these and other supplies across the North Atlantic.

The war continued, and Canada, in addition to the contribution of about a billion dollars in supplies per year to Britain and other Allies, kept up the Air Force and Navy about the equivalent to eleven divisions as compared to four in the last war.

In the month of July, August, September and October of 1944 the infantry casualties were much greater than the estimated number, and the question of infantry reinforcements came up.

Colonel Ralston went to the battle areas, and returning asked, with the advice of the Staff, for 15,000 trained infantry men.

The Government has hoped to carry on by the voluntary effort, and as General McNaughton thought this could be done, he was made Minister of Defence as Colonel Ralston resigned. It soon became evident this his appeal for volunteers would not be successful, and even if it was, it would take six months to train these new men. There were 16,000 infantry men in the N. R. M. A. army and about 8,000 of them were trained. It was, therefore, clearly the part of Wisdom to send these men over as reinforcements and keep up the regular flow of enlistments into the army as well. As shipping can be arranged, 10,000 will be sent over in December and January and the remainder at the rate of 2,000 per month. This will keep the divisions up to strength and also provide pools of reinforcements in Italy, north west Europe and Great Britain. It follows that more N. R. M. A. men will be sent if and when needed. The Order-in-Council does not provide for sending them to overseas areas except

to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, is "Discerning the rights of man we cannot fail to foresee the doom of all oppression. Slavery is not the legitimate state of man. God made man free" (p. 227).



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Europe and the Mediterranean area. This policy meets the reinforcement needs and removes the unfairness of some soldiers taking more than their share of the fighting while others are only in Canada. Some members are objecting because it goes too far and some because it does not go far enough, but the vote will show that it meets with general approval.



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NIGHTINGALE

—By Mrs. F. H.—

Mrs. McIntosh entertained the Women's Institute at her home last Friday. The roll call was a suggestion for a Christmas gift and seventeen members answered with many useful hints.

The secretary read a number of resolutions to be noted on at the next which is the annual meeting. It was decided to send \$10.00 to the Calgary Tuberculosis Society and to double the amount for the swimming pool project being sponsored by the Lions Club in Strathmore. Mrs. C. Kinnear, treasurer, reported about \$180 cleared from the recent bazaar. Mrs. Trollope and Mrs. Brehorst were welcomed as new members and Miss Awcock was also a visitor. The hostess served a delicious tea at the close of a very pleasant afternoon.

The Annual meeting will be at the



Church Notes

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Sunday, December 10th., 1944
8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
7.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
St. Andrew's, Gleichen—
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.

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7.30 p.m.—Evening Worship.
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STANDARD LUTHERAN CHURCH
— Rev. Jorgenson —
Friday, December 8th.
Tabetha Sewing Sisters are holding a Program and Bazaar in the Church basement at 8.30 p.m.

Hall December 15th. It will also be a special Christmas event.

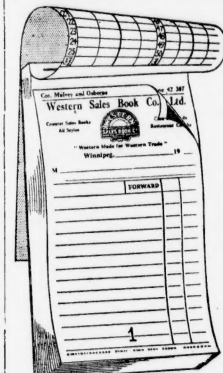
Mrs. E. M. Stoodley is enjoying a holiday in Calgary this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Don Murray and daughter of Bowden, Alberta were guests at the home of Mrs. Murray's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Furr Sr.
Miss Awcock was a week-end guest of Mrs. Osborne at the Watson ranch.
Mrs. P. H. Hildahl returned Tuesday from Toronto where she enjoyed a weeks holiday with her husband, who is stationed at Halifax with the R. C. N. V. R.

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ALBERTA WHEAT POOL 21 YEARS OLD

The Alberta Wheat Pool started business in the Lougheed Building, Calgary, on the 29th. of October, 1923. It was thus twenty-one years old on October 29th. last. The report of business done and financial results achieved during the 1943-44 crop year was the best in the history of the organization.

The germ of the idea of forming a wheat pool in Alberta developed from the operations of government grain marketing in World War I and the years immediately subsequent thereto. Prior to that co-operative efforts in grain marketing by farmers in western Canada had extended since the beginning of the century but were largely confined to the conducting of a commission business and the operation of co-operative elevators. Such efforts corrected many abuses in the physical handling and selling of grain but afforded little, if any, bargaining power to the farmers in the matter of price.

The Canadian Wheat Board was disorganized in August, 1939, and the price of wheat entered into a prolonged decline. The farmers involved took with longing on the wheat board's operations and tried vainly to get another government board formed. Failing in this, they undertook the organization of voluntary wheat pools.

The United Farmers of Alberta was then at the peak of its power and vigor and was led by the late Henry Wise Wood, one of Canada's outstanding farm leaders. In July, 1923, the

U. F. A. appointed a committee consisting of Stephen Lunn, W. J. Jackman and A. R. Brown, to proceed with the organization of a wheat pool. Two Alberta daily newspapers, the Calgary Herald and the Edmonton Journal, brought to this province Aaron Sapiro, a California lawyer who had been extremely successful in establishing pools for the sale of farm products in United States. Mr. Sapiro held meetings throughout the province and aroused great interest and enthusiasm among the population, both rural and urban. A drive was started to sign up half the 1922 provincial wheat acreage under pool contract. The main effort was conducted by the U. F. A. aided by scores of other enthusiasts. By September 5th, 1923, the Alberta Wheat Pool was only 5 per cent short of the objective. It was ready for business by October 29th.

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The speech of Col. Ralston in explanation of his attitude to the governments motion of confidence has undoubtedly considerable influence on the attitude of a number of members. He was critical of the government's policy which he thought was not complete enough and should include the sending of all draftees overseas as soon as they were sufficiently trained, but the "supreme consideration" was sending needed reinforcements at once. If the government were defeated on the motion and another government took over or if there was dissolution and an election, it would mean delay

The Searchlight

in carrying out this vital action. He would therefore support the government's motion.

The course of events leading to the change in the ministry of nation defence has been fully explained to parliament. The people of Canada have learned of the crises that confronted the government. All this in the present emergency is water over the dam. The need for reinforcements has been explained to the house of commons in open and secret session of the minister of national defence, General McNaughton. The government turned from complete reliance on the voluntary system of recruiting when General McNaughton told his colleagues that the campaign for recruits had not come up to the needs. Whether there is anything or not in the claim that there was an "organized conspiracy" of conscriptionists which defeated the campaign, a claim that is sharply denied by the opposition, is another matter that has no immediate bearing on the present issue. The plain fact remains that there is the deficiency in the trained reinforcements for the infantry which has to be made up. The department has already sent units to their concentration centres to be despatched overseas, as the December draft of 5,000 men. Another 5,000 are to be shipped in January, and a further 6,000 in the three following months, 2000 in each month. That is the definite plan as outlined by the minister of defence.

The present arrangements leave 26,000 physically fit men in the N. R. M. A., the men drafted and undergoing military training under the compulsory system for service in Canada. The order in council provides for the despatch of these and other members of N. R. M. A. to be enrolled in the future if and when the cabinet decides they are needed. When the military authorities inform the minister of defence these new drafts are needed for reinforcements in the cabinet will be asked for its approval. The draftees will have their training continued under the pressure of military necessity. They will be prepared for call, policy being to authorize their use when the occasion demands. The deciding point will be the advice of the military advisers of the government based upon the reports and requests from the officers in command in the field of battle.

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CARSELAND

— By Mrs. K. H. —

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Warrant Officer J. A. Comeau of the R. C. A. F. has been reported missing during operations from Holland. He is a fighter pilot and the husband of the former Patricia Laurie of Carceland. His wife and her twin boys are resident in Edmonton.

J. A. Comeau enlisted on outbreak of war at Campbellton, N. B. in the Motor Transport Division of the R. C. A. F. and re-mustered as pilot at Calgary in 1942. He was sent overseas in May, 1944.

ARDENODE

— By Mrs. H. S. —

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Petersen spent Monday last in Calgary.

We are glad to hear of Mrs. D. S. Brook making such good progress after her recent operation. We hope to see her home very shortly.

Mrs. E. Olsen spent the week-end visiting friends in Baintree.

Mrs. V. J. R. Hughes spent several days in Calgary last week.

Miss Mary Awcock spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. D. Osborne. Word has been received by Mrs. V. J. R. Hughes from her husband, Lt. Hughes from overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wise visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. Olsen and Mr. O. Olsen Sunday evening.

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